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In re Application of

DECISION ON

FOCKE et al

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UNDER 37 CFR 1.42

For: DEVICE FOR PRODUCING CIGARETTE

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This is a decision on the declaration filed 22 June 2005, which has been treated as a request for status under 37 CFR 1.42.

## **BACKGROUND**

On 22 June 2005, applicants filed a transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the United States which was accompanied by, inter alia, the requisite basic national fee as required by 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), and an executed declaration as required by 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4). The declaration, however, is signed by Doris Focke and Jurgen Focke as legal representatives of the inventor now deceased Heinz FOCKE.

## **DISCUSSION**

The declaration is accepted under 37 CFR 1.42 because it includes the citizenship and mailing addresses of Doris Focke and Jurgen Focke (legal representatives) and of deceased inventor, Heinz FOCKE. Accordingly, applicants have satisfied the requirements under 37 CFR 1.42.

Thus, the requirements under 35 USC 371(c) are satisfied.

## **CONCLUSION**

For the above reasons, the submission of the declaration under 37 CFR 1.42 is **ACCEPTED**.

Application No.: 10/451,241

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the Office of PCT Operations until commencement of national stage processing. The 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) is 22 June 2005.

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